

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 presently are pending. By this Amendment, claims 10-13 have been canceled. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on October 8, 2003, along with an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 114(c). The Examiner indicates that claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are allowed.

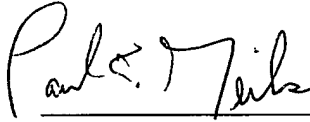
The Examiner has rejected the newly added claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leckey et al. in view of Moore (both previously applied) and further in view of Deeren (U.S. Patent No. 2,353,813). Without admitting to the correctness of the Examiner's position regarding obviousness, rejected claims 10-13 have been canceled.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/993,762

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